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In re Appln. of: Bernd Salomon-Bahls
 Appln. No.: 10/528,215
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 Attorney Docket No: 11138-017

Examiner: Kee, Fannie C.

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2;
- II. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 3; and
- III. **Remarks**, beginning on page 11.

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